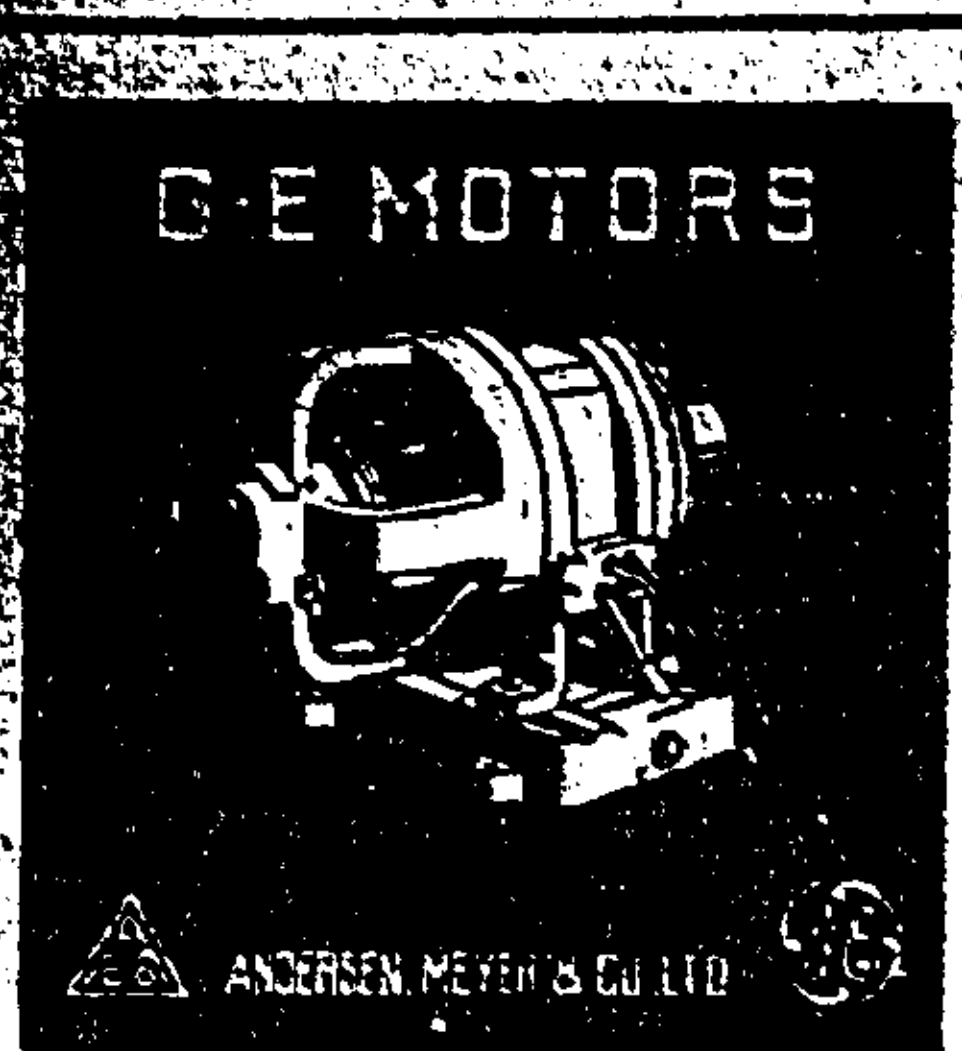




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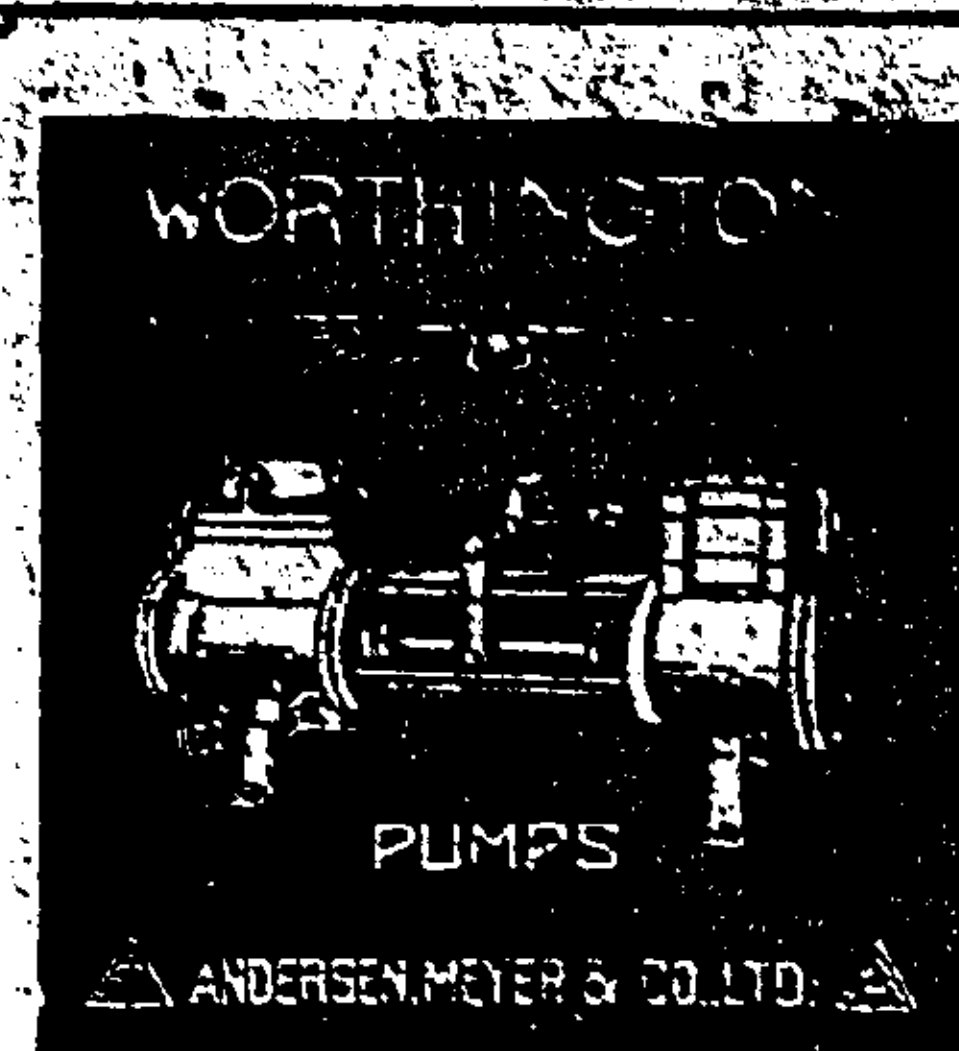
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MARKING-TIME AT GENOA.

TENSION RELIEVED BY TENNIS.

But an Atmosphere of Expectancy.

(Reuter's Service.)

Genoa, May 9. The conference is marking time to-day. The heads of the British, German, French and Belgian delegations have been busy conferring separately at their respective headquarters, but others are bathing and playing tennis. There is, however, a general feeling that anything may happen at any moment.

The Russians maintain a Sphinx-like attitude. Soviet Delegates Returning by Air Via Berlin. Berlin, May 9. M. Joffe and two colleagues (of the Soviet delegation) arrived from Genoa and proceeded immediately to Moscow by aeroplane. Premier's Appreciation of the Entente.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain read Mr. Lloyd George's letter to M. Barthou requesting contradiction of the report given by the 'Times' correspondent at Genoa of their conversation.

Mr. Lloyd George says that he was a strong partisan of the Entente long before the war, and values Franco-British co-operation too highly to tolerate public misstatements regarding official conversations at a moment of great importance to the relations between the two countries.

Mr. Chamberlain also read M. Barthou's reply. [The substance of the Premier's letter to M. Barthou and of the latter's reply, both refuting the 'Times' correspondent's report of a direct breach between the two countries, was given in cables published yesterday.]

Outline of Russian Reply.

Genoa, May 9. The Russians have communicated the general trend of their reply to the Allied memorandum, which will be presented to-morrow. The reply is apparently long and argumentative.

The Russian delegates declare that the Note has been prepared in a spirit of conciliation and goes to the furthest extent possible as regards concessions.

After disagreeing with some of the memorandum proposals, the hope is expressed that the difficulty will not present itself of eliminating the political features of the memorandum, inasmuch as Russians generally have endeavoured to bridge the conflicting social and economic systems. The desire is emphasised that negotiations shall not be ruptured.

It is declared that the Anglo-Russian trade agreement, if not wholly satisfactory has resulted in the two countries becoming less distant. The Soviet members think Genoa proved a great help regarding the clause dealing with restitution of private property.

The reply holds that the world must account itself to the fact of the existence of a European State whose life is based essentially upon a system of State property, argues that individualistic and collectivist conceptions of life exist in Russia, both of which have their own sphere, and contends that this proves that a dual system can also exist in international relations, yet leave plenty of room for private enterprise.

France Adheres to Her Position.

Paris, May 9. The Cabinet attitude hardened to-day on the subject of the restitution of private property by Russia, which was raised by the Belgian delegates at Genoa. The Cabinet decided that, even if Belgium were to accept a compromise formula, France would only subscribe conditionally upon French citizens' rights being strictly safeguarded and guaranteed.

But French Premier Conciliatory Towards Britain.

Paris, May 9. M. Poincaré has sent a letter to Lord Hardinge (the British Ambassador to France) with a view to dissipating Mr. Lloyd George's "perturbation and astonishment" in consequence of the phrase in which M. Poincaré previously expressed French sympathy for Belgium (in connection with the difference over restitution of private property by Russia) without alluding to Franco-British sympathy.

The Premier avers that there is no single Frenchman who does not preserve a precious memory of the co-operation of the two countries before, during and after the war, and who does not from his heart desire permanence of cordial relations.

BRITISH TRADING OPERATIONS IN RUSSIA.

Company Chairman Thinks Genoa has Improved the Prospects.

London, May 9. Mr. Leslie Urquhart has returned to London from Genoa. Interviewed, he said that in regard to the Russian question the Soviet could not afford to agree in set terms to recognition of the principle of private property, but the door was not therefore closed on resumption of commercial relations with Russia. Given confidence and good faith, there were alternative formulae, which could form a practical basis for a trading agreement. He was confident that Genoa had hastened Russia's convalescence.

[Mr. Urquhart is chairman of a large Anglo-Russian Co. He visited Russia last year with a view to arranging for the resumption of business, but the negotiations were not then successful.]

On the 20th. ult. Mr. Urquhart was summoned to Genoa. This was regarded as indicating the Soviet's acceptance of principles enabling British owners to resume operations on their Russian properties.]

AFTERMATH OF RUSSIAN FAMINE

Thousands of Corpses Washed Up.

London, May 9. The American Relief Administration, in a telegram, says the opening of rivers in Russia is facilitating the transport problem, but the ice break-up has revealed the horrible aftermath of the famine. Ten thousand corpses have been washed up by the spring floods of the Elek River at Akhtubinsk alone. Moreover, the dead covered by snow in the winter are now seen lying on the plains around Akhtubinsk. Fresh epidemics are breaking out.

ALLIED LOAN FIGURES.

What Britain Owes and is Owed.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Sir Robert Horne stated that \$398,000,000 interest on the American War debt remained unpaid on March 31. The total Allied loans to Britain were £123,000,000 and the British loans to the Allies were £1,742,000,000 comprising £584,000,000 to France, £555,000,000 to Russia and £603,000,000 to Italy.

SUN'S EXPEDITION.

Rival Armies Nearing Each Other.

Our Canton correspondent says it is reported that Chap King-ming will remove his headquarters to Canton when all his troops have arrived and he has made the necessary precautions there. Another report states that Chan will not return until Sun Yat-sen has entered Kiangsi.

As the Cantonese troops are approaching the boundary, the Luchun of Kiangsi has greatly increased his territorial forces. At present the two opposing armies are only about ten miles apart and fighting is expected at any moment.

The inhabitants of villages outside the north gate of Canton are complaining at the treatment they receive from the troops bound for the Northern expedition. They are forced by the troops, under penalty of severe beatings, to carry the soldiers' baggage and after a few days' march they are discharged without payment and have their belongings taken from them.

SNATCHING CASE.

Tramcar Proves Its Value.

How a tramcar was utilised to catch a thief was related at the Magistrate's court this morning when Miss G. Carmo, a resident of Broadwood Terrace, charged a Chinese with snatching her handbag containing five one-dollar bills and some subsidiary coins. The crime took place at Tin Lok Lane at Wanchai, just as Miss Carmo was leaving the tramcar, and was witnessed by two gentlemen, who were approaching from the opposite direction. One of them, an Indian named Cassim Markar, seeing the man running along the pavement in the direction of the No. 2 Police Station, jumped on to a passing tramcar and as it caught up with the fugitive, he jumped off and secured his arrest. The handbag was found on the man.

Mr. R. E. Lindell, to-day imposed sentence of nine months' hard labour on the thief and said to Mr. Markar:—"I highly commend you, Mr. Markar, for your action. You did very well."

THEIR MAJESTIES IN BELGIUM.

Anglo-Belgian Friendship.

Brussels, May 9. The brilliant summer weather continued to-day when the official programme of the visit of their British Majesties opened with receptions of diplomats and British and Belgian public bodies at the Royal Palace.

King George, replying to the addresses, rejoiced to know that the traditional ties of Anglo-Belgian friendship were growing closer, and was convinced that the years of peace would strengthen them.

NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN-BORN BRITISHERS.

Negotiations with Dominions Complete.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Shortt stated that negotiations with the Dominions in regard to an amendment to the British Nationality Act in respect of grandsons born abroad of British parents were now complete. Immediate steps were being taken with a view to the introduction of a Bill.

U.S. ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Order of Dissolution.

New York, May 9. The Federal Court has ordered the dissolution of the American Sugar Refining Company and other defendants in the Government anti-trust suit begun twelve years ago. The order is largely formal, inasmuch as the records of the ground of complaint have long disappeared.

RAISING THE LUSITANIA.

Salvaging Expedition.

Philadelphia, May 9. An expedition sets out on the 25th. inst., with the object of salvaging the Lusitania and other submerged vessels. The members anticipate little difficulty in raising the Lusitania, the exact position of which is known.

FIRE AT PARIS MUSIC-HALL.

Interrupted Rehearsal.

Paris, May 9. A fire arising from an electrical defect broke out at the music-hall the Casino de Paris while a rehearsal was proceeding. The scenery flamed up and the iron curtain was lowered, but fell down to the stage. The actors escaped.

PIONEER OF LACE TRADE.

Leaves Over Two Millions.

London, May 9. The late Sir Thomas Isaac Birkin, the pioneer of the Nottingham lace trade, left £2,144,000.

SUSSEX v. HANTS.

Former Win by Narrow Margin.

London, May 9. At Southampton, Sussex defeated Hants by 10 runs. In Hants' second innings Bowell scored 140.

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

Paris, May 9. President Millerand has arrived. [The President has been touring the French colonies in Northern Africa.]

(Other Early and Special Telegrams on Pages 2 and 3.)

INTERPORT CRICKET.

Hongkong Bat First.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, May 10.

The Interport cricket match between Shanghai and the Hongkong Garrison opened this morning.

The Hongkong team batted first and at the luncheon adjournment the visitors' score was 153 runs for the loss of six wickets.

P.W.D. TENDERS.

Hongkong Government's Policy.

In October, last, the General Electric Company of China, Ltd., wrote to the Director of Public Works, Hongkong, on the question of quoting in sterling certain tenders for electrical supplies required by the Department, and also approached the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce on the subject. The latter body took up the question with the Government, urging that local firms be allowed to quote in sterling under the same conditions as the Crown Agents.

A reply has now been received from the Colonial Secretary, who in the course of a letter to the Chamber, states:—"I am directed to inform you that the contracts for electrical supplies made by the Public Works Department towards the end of each year are solely to provide for casual requirements, consisting of numberless small items, as most of the electrical material used by this Government is obtained in bulk through the Crown Agents."

No definite quantities can be inserted in the contracts, as it is impossible at the end of each year, when the tenders are usually invited, to estimate even roughly the quantities of multifarious electrical stores likely to be required throughout the following year, but as the plans for each particular work mature a precise schedule of such stores is prepared and tenders for them are forwarded to the Crown Agents and it is therefore only for sudden casual requirements that purchases are made locally.

The General Electric Company's local branch does not and could not keep a sufficient stock to meet the total requirements of Government during any one year without obtaining them from England as required, which is precisely the position of Government, and the Government is, by its system of obtaining goods through the Crown Agents, able to obtain and accept the lowest tender submitted by all manufacturers at home.

"It is natural to request business houses to quote prices in local currency for goods to be supplied locally and the prices submitted are not compared with those obtained by the Crown Agents for the bulk material as it is recognised that the conditions are totally different."

CONTRACTOR FINED.

Ignoring Blasting Regulations.

Sang Lee, the building contractor, was fined \$25 by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Magistrate's court this morning, on a charge of carrying out blasting operations outside of the regulation hours. Inspector Cashman, in prosecuting, said that this took place at 5.40, more than an hour after the time laid down in the regulations.

The defence was that the gong was sounded at five o'clock, and blasting operations did not occur until 5.30, by which time the pupils from a girls' school at Saiyungpan were well on their way home and the roadway was clear.

In imposing the fine, the Magistrate said:—"You will have to obey the law in future. I cannot have this sort of thing occurring in this Colony."

PROPOSED SHIPPERS' ASSOCIATION.

An Echo of the Strike.

Arising out of the recent seamen's strike there is a proposal on foot to form a Hongkong Shippers' Association. This fact is revealed in copies of certain correspondence which has taken place between the Chairman of the Hongkong Shippers' Conference and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which has been forwarded to us.

On March 10th, Mr. R. Sutherland, the Chairman of the Conference wrote to the Secretary of the Chamber, advising him that "at a representative meeting of Shippers held at the City Hall on the 8th. instant, when I laid upon the table the signed Agreement and explained the final points agreed upon in connection with the settlement of the Chinese Seamen's Strike, a suggestion was made to the effect that in the future interests of all Shipping Companies operating steamers to and from Hongkong, it was very advisable to form without delay a Hongkong Shippers' Association. The purpose of such an Association would be for the members thereof to consider and decide upon matters affecting the general interests of owners as a whole, the intention being to act in the closest co-operation with the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. I stated that no decision on points which affect other interests would be come to without the closest co-operation of your Chamber and, if necessary, the Government. The suggestion met with the general approval of the Meeting. It would therefore be of great assistance if you would kindly telegraph to the Chamber of Commerce in London advising them that it is proposed to form this Association and requesting them to approach other Shipping Associations, such as The Liverpool & London Steamship Association, with a view to obtaining from the latter such information and data as would assist those concerned in drawing up Rules and Regulations to meet local conditions."

Telegrams were accordingly sent to London, and the information asked for is now being awaited before further action is taken.

NEW P. & O. BUILDING.

Skyscraper for Hongkong.

Hongkong is to have an eight-storied sky-scraper on the sea-front adjoining the Post Office building, which is to cost about seven lakhs of dollars and is expected to be completed in two years' time. It is to be erected on the plot of land between the Post Office and the British American Tobacco Company's office, will extend through from Connaught Road to Des Vœux Road, and is to be built to the order of the P. & O. and associated companies. To-day's S. C. M. Post gives full details of the project, from which we gather that the building will be about twice the height of the Post Office building and will be the first steel-framed building in the Colony. The ground floor will be occupied by the P. & O. and associated companies, whilst the top floor will be utilised as quarters for the Companies' European staffs thoroughly modern flats to be provided. The other floors will be let as offices. Lam Wo is the contractor, and the site is already being prepared.

DAY BY DAY.

Members of the Teahouse Workers' Guild and rattan workers met each other at West Point the other night to settle a long-standing feud, and succeeded so well that one man was severely injured and had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The parties, scattered on the approach of the Police. The injured man was wounded with a dagger in the abdomen.

PASSAGE BROKING.

A Prosecution which Failed.

An unusual charge was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Magistrate's court this morning, when Mr. U. C. Galluzzi, passage broker, No. 1 Prince's Building, was summoned by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, for failing to attend at the Secretariat's Office with two emigrants, travelling by the J.C.J.L. liner Tiliwang, contrary to the regulations concerning the movements of emigrants from this Colony.

In reply to this charge, Mr. Galluzzi said that he had not thought it was necessary to produce these emigrants, as he had given previous instructions that they were not to travel by the ship. The usual procedure in his examination of these emigrants, a woman and her eight year old child, was to have been held by him at 9.30 in the morning, but as a matter of fact it did not take place, as they did not turn up at the appointed hour. They put in a tardy appearance at 2 p.m., by which hour there was not sufficient time for him to do the work. The interpreter he employed in these examinations was instructed by him to tell the woman and her child not to take this boat. If under the circumstances they took no notice of this order and went on board without his knowledge, he could not be held responsible. The only other opportunity for an examination of the passengers he booked would be on board the ship and he submitted that this had not been completed before the Department stepped in. The Tiliwang was even then not prepared for sea.

Mr. Schofield, who prosecuted for the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said he could not imagine how similar occurrences could be prevented in the future if the passage brokers had so little control over the movements of their clients.

His Worship decided that Mr. Galluzzi could not be held responsible for the presence of these two passengers on board. He had told them not to travel on that ship. Mr. Schofield:—Still the tickets had been sold to them.

His Worship:—Yes. Why were not the tickets taken away? Defendant replied that he took away the tickets from the emigrants the first time he saw them on board. There was no attempt to struggle.

The Magistrate:—I don't think any offence, even a technical one, has been committed. The summons is dismissed.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Mr. Nankwatsu Akaji has opened a massage room at 2, Queen's Road.—Page 4.

Komor's are holding a sale from May 15th. to 20th.—Page 4.

At the Kowloon Theatre to-night Mabel Normand is to be seen in "Sis Hopkins".—Page 12.

Sales of Crown Land are taking place at the P.W.D. offices on Monday of land at Victoria Road, Shamshui and near Repulse Bay.—Page 4.

Mustard and Company have received new portable Remington typewriters.—Page 6.

Sincere's advertise dancing jumps and dress shirts.—Page 3. The dinner and tea dances to be held this week at the Grill Room and Repulse Bay Hotel are advertised on Page 4.

The Borneo Maru has arrived from Japan and consignees are given the usual notice on Page 5.

The Indo-China's new s.s. Katsang leaves on the Calcutta run on Tuesday next.—Page 3.

Shaw's advertise bath gowns and slippers.—Page 7.

Mr. G.M. Lakin has left Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 6 1/2d.

The Weather.

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LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate of the University of London, has been a teacher in European schools and merchants in the Colony for ten years. He has a good method of teaching European pupils in the Chinese examination, and is conversant with the Chinese language as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hokkien.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

The Shanghai Gatherings.

With addresses of welcome and greetings in the opening session of the National Christian Conference on Tuesday afternoon (2nd inst.), the great gathering of 1,000 representatives of the Christian Churches in China was able to settle down to business at the Wednesday session at Shanghai. The Chinese delegates expressed frankly extreme dissatisfaction with any conduct of the Conference that failed to make the Chinese language the primary language of the Conference.

Following the adoption of the rules, the Conference unanimously elected Rev. C. Y. Cheng, D.D., as Chairman of the Conference. Dr. Cheng then gave his address as Chairman, in which he set forth various conditions, partly environmental, partly due to the spirit of the times, partly arising from within the Church in the growing desire for self-activity on the part of Chinese, expressed in dissatisfaction with certain aspects of foreign control which force Christians in China to re-survey the conditions under which their task is being met and to think forward in order to make provision for the expanding life of the future under new conditions in which mission boards and missionaries must decrease as the Chinese control of Christian work and Chinese leadership increases. Increasing self-development on the part of the Chinese Church does not mean that the Chinese will request missionaries to leave. Their advice, their inspiration, and their co-operation in service are needed.

Present State of Christianity in China.

The afternoon session opened with the presentation by Bishop Roots of a statement on "The Present State of Christianity in China." Bishop Roots pointed out that the "Survey" of Christian work in China, based on reports, indicated the surprising magnitude of the work. He further said that a careful examination of the opposition faced by Christianity in China showed that no greater obstacle is met in Christian work in this field than it meets with in the west.

Professor T. C. Chao presented a paper in which he discussed the strength and weakness of the Church in China, pointing out that an element of great strength lies in the far higher percentage of literacy in the Christian community than in the general population and the large proportion (1 in 20) of Chinese students who are in Christian schools. The chief weakness, which Professor T. C. Chao pointed out lies in the danger of a weak ethical message for conduct and life which may lead to the development of a permanent Church without a permanent Christianity. Too often worshippers of idols converted to Christianity carry over into Christian worship the habits of their older faith, laying too much emphasis upon the external symbol with too little appreciation of spiritual values. Professor Chao pointed out the danger that a Christian Church developed in the environment of one or two generations ago should not be flexible enough to meet changed conditions. In view of the changed intellectual environment in China, it is most essential that science and Christian experience go hand in hand, developing forms of expression for the Christian message adequate to these modern times.

instead of forcing the living thought of to-day into a procrustean bed of fourth or sixteenth century European theological and ecclesiastical formulae. The afternoon session was closed with a report given also by Bishop Roots on the work of the China Continuation Committee for the last nine years. This Committee, known as the C.C.C., appointed by the last general conference of Christian workers in 1913, has during these years and in this report summed up the work of this period and hands down the task imposed upon it by the mandate of the last National Christian Conference.

Missionaries' Status.

On the third of the Conference, in the morning Dr. T. T. Lew, acting Dean of the Theological Department of Peking University, and Rev. R. K. Evans, Professor of the New Testament in the same institution, spoke on "The Church of Christ in China."

Mr. Evans dealt with the response of the missions and missionaries to the desires of the Chinese Christian Churches. He said that in China we have one of the oldest nations just being born again. He said that the missions in China have no ecclesiastical status except by courtesy of the Chinese Church. The right of the missions and the missionaries is to help the Church of China spread the Gospel in its own mission field. As to the position of the missionaries, Mr. Evans said there were two possibilities: (1) They might be lent by Western Churches to the service of the Church in China (2) They might become members of the Chinese Church on the same basis as Chinese Christians and on no other. This latter alternative, Mr. Evans thought, was the best solution. He also said that the material preponderance of the missionary body was out of all proportion to its numerical strength or spiritual preponderance. The fact that the Church had too much material

control was, he felt a serious danger.

Presbyterians and Anglicans.

During the discussion on the Chinese Church, Bishop Maloney suggested that the Presbyterians and Anglicans might be combined. The Anglicans emphasize personal leadership; the Presbyterians emphasize constitutional government; the Methodists, he suggested, might revert to the old idea of Episcopacy. Mr. Cressy of Hangchow pleaded for less emphasis of the dark sides of Chinese life and more understanding of its good qualities. He felt that the Chinese Christians and Western Christians might work together to bring about a real spiritual internationalism. Mr. Bentley of the S.P.G. in Peking urged that the spirit of Christianity should be worked out in the simple forms of human fellowship, and not only revealed in the advocacy of ideals and expression of inspirations.

Other Work.

The afternoon was divided into six sectional conferences. The subjects dealt with were: (1) Strengthening the Church in the larger cities; (2) Strengthening of village Christian communities; (3) The place of elementary and secondary education in the strengthening of the Chinese Church; (4) The place of higher education in training for leadership in the Church; (5) Medical work in the Christian programme. Four of these meetings were held in Churches and one in the Y.M.C.A. They were well attended and great interest was shown. At night Dr. John R. Mott, President of the World's Student Christian Federation spoke on "The Present Advantageous Position of the World-wide Christian Movement." The Christian movement is in a position of advantage for a number of reasons: (1) Because of the unprecedented openness of the world; (2) Because of the rising tides of new thought and social passion. (3) New and truly in-

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V.R.C. PRESENTATION.

Silver Cup and Cheque for Mr. R. C. Witchell.

Mr. R. C. Witchell, the energetic Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club, who, with his wife and family are leaving today for home on holiday, was at the V.R.C. last night, the recipient of a handsome silver cup and a cheque in recognition of his appreciated services.

The presentation was made by Mr. R. E. Bellios, who spoke eulogistically of Mr. Witchell's efforts on behalf of the Club and of his great organising abilities and wished him a happy holiday. Mr. McKirdy, who has undertaken the Secretarial duties during Mr. Witchell's absence added a few words of praise. Mr. Witchell, in returning thanks, referred to his happy association with the Club and the pleasure he derived from assisting in its many activities. On his return he hoped to take as great an interest as ever in the doings of the Club.

Indigenous Churches rising up in lands which formerly did not have them. This is more evident in China than anywhere else. "The Chinese Christian Church has unmistakably developed a large measure of self-consciousness." Another advantage enjoyed by the World-wide Christian movement is that the hour of great fruit-on is here. "Discerning Christians everywhere," said Dr. Mott, "believe that we are on the threshold of unexampled ingatherings into the Kingdom of our Lord as a result of these irresistible causes." He thought that the National Christian Conference should sound out the notes of thoroughness, imminence and immediacy. He said "It is the chance of the ages," and closed with the Arab proverb "The dawn does not come twice to waken man."

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE RUBBER SLUMP.

From Our Own Correspondent Singapore, May 9
The meeting of the Rubber Shareholders Association in London suggested 1s. 6d. as the price whereat the Government should co-operate to rehabilitate industry. The Malayan press not alarmed at the Dutch refusal to join a co-operative scheme, content that Malaya is able to meet the crisis independently.

HUMILIATION DAY.

Shanghai, May, 9
The Chinese are observing Humiliation Day, commemorating the presentation of Japan's Twenty-one Demands. Flags are hoisted. Business is being conducted as usual, but the merchants, giving the profits to the fund, the redemption of the Shantung Railway.

ILL-TREATING A MUI-TSAI.

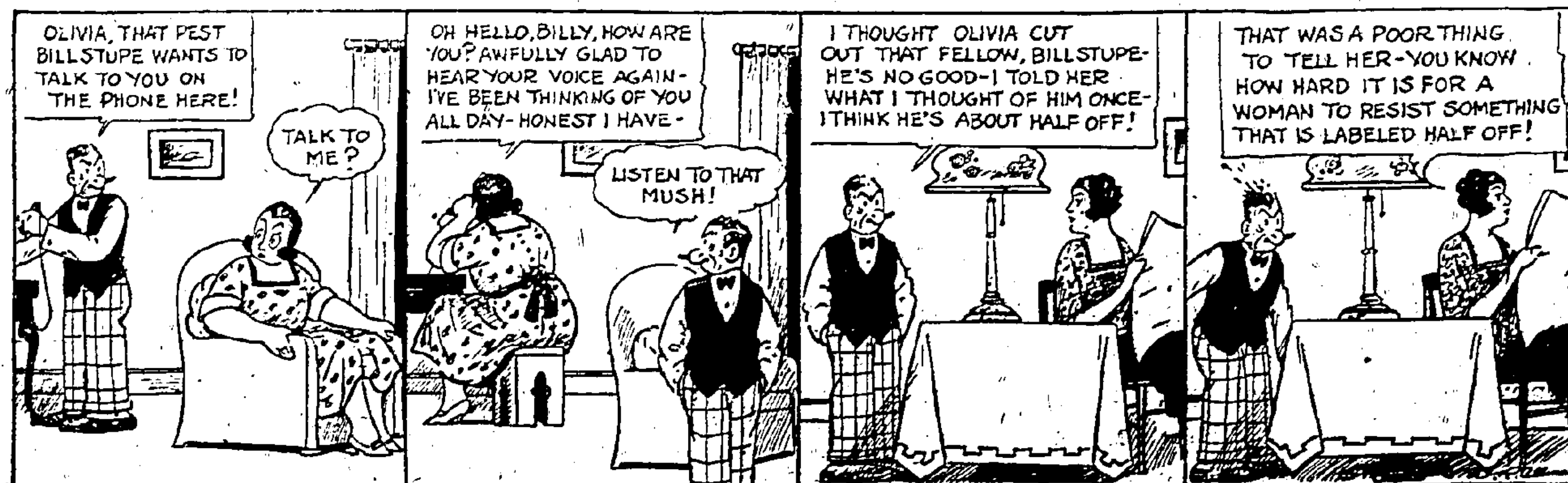
Defendant Forfeits Bail
The case in which a Chinese woman was charged with ill-treating her servant girl was again before Mr. J. A. Fraser yesterday afternoon. Defendant was alleged to have severely thrashed the servant.

Mr. A. E. Hall, defending, formed the Magistrate that defendant's \$500 bail and committed the servant girl to the charge of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Application for a warrant for the arrest of defendant was made. Sub-Inspector Paterson, and was rejected.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

A Woman's Instinct.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN IN SIBERIA.

Paris, May 9.

Interviewed by the Genoa correspondent of the *New York Herald*, M. Chicherin said the interests of the Far Eastern Republic completely coincided with those of the Soviet Government, which was prepared to go to any length to protect that Far Eastern democracy from any attempts on the part of Japanese Imperialists to turn it into another Korea. Unless Japan abandoned that idea, she must anticipate serious complications with Russia in the near future.

The Japanese have written to M. Chicherin protesting against the reference to Japan in the recent note, saying that Japanese forces remained in Siberia because it was considered the conditions made it unsafe for their citizens. The note adds that Japan is still under the same impression.

THE TRADE REVIVAL.

London, May 9.

At the opening conference of the National Chamber of Trade at Margate, the retiring President, Mr. Blakemore, expressed the opinion that a trade revival was imminent. Reduced manufacturing costs were placing Britain in a favourable position in world trade.

THE SOVIET AND KRUPPS.

London, May 9.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Harcourt said he had no knowledge of the appointment of the ex-Manager of Krupps as German diplomatic representative in Russia. The Soviet Government had granted Krupps a concession in Russia, but he was unaware of its nature.

DISEASE IN RUSSIA.

Paris, May 9.

As revealing the extent of disease in Russia and the drastic efforts of the Relief Commissions to cope therewith, the Pasteur Institute is working day and night to execute the orders of the American Red Cross for toxins and vaccines, which are being shipped to Moscow at the rate of a ton weekly.

RUBBER MAGNATE'S WILL.

London, May 9.

Mr. George Croll has left £38,470. Mr. George Croll was a director of Messrs. Harrison and Crosfield and 20 rubber companies associated with them. His death by falling under a train was cabled out last February.

SEMENOFF'S GOOD NAME.

New York, May 9.

Semenoff has requested Congress for permission to appear immediately before a Senate Committee to clear himself of the charges that he is a murderer and brigand.

A SINGAPORE WILL.

London, May 9.

Mr. William Hutton, formerly of Singapore, left £40,410.

PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

May the Worst Month.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. G. H. Sayer presiding. Those present were the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. G. D. R. Black, Mr. S. W. Tso and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Secretary).

The Chairman said that the Board would like to hear from Dr. Pearce regarding the plague epidemic.

The Medical Officer of Health said that the plague cases recorded up to date this year numbered 536. Up to the end of April there had been recorded 357 cases. This was the first year in which the Colony had experienced a severe epidemic since 1914, when up to the end of April no fewer than 640 cases were recorded, quite three times as many as this year. For the seven

years from 1915 to 1921 inclusive there were 1,239 cases of plague recorded, showing an average of 177 cases every year. Dr. Pearce said that although this year's epidemic was a more serious one than they had been accustomed to have during the past seven years, it did not promise so far that it would be as bad as 1914. It was expected that this month would be the worst month, but as soon as the temperature reached 82 degrees there would be a rapid decline. Dr. Pearce pointed out that the population in Hongkong in the last ten years 1911 to 1921, had increased by 73 per cent.

On other matters! The Chairman announced that Chilu had been declared an infected area, one case of rinderpest having occurred there.

Other business of the meeting related to applications for permission to erect water closets which numbered no less than ten. Among the applications granted by the Board was one from the Peak Club

WANCHAI SCOUTS.

Consecration of a Banner.

An impressive service was held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday morning, when the banner of the 3rd Hongkong Wanchai Wesleyan Troop of Boy Scouts was consecrated. The troop paraded in full strength, under the command of the S.M.A. Kirk, and attended divine service, at which an address appropriate to the occasion was given by the Chaplain to the Troop, the Rev. G. Clouston, P.M.C.

The simple and solemn ceremony of the consecration began with the singing of "Fight the good fight," followed by a prayer and the reading of the Scripture Lesson, the 15th Psalm by the Scout Master. The colours were dedicated by the Chaplain to the glory of God and as a visible token of the honour of the 3rd Hongkong Wanchai Wesleyan Troop of Boy Scouts. They were then presented to the colour party, who were exhorted to "Guard them well." The National Anthem was sung and the benediction pronounced. The Troop marched in procession with their banner, while the choir sang "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The ceremony was witnessed by a representative gathering of members of the congregation, including men of both the Services, a company of Girl Guides, and Brownies and Wolf Cubs.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

A Shanghai Proposal.

Amplifying our Shanghai telegram under date May 5, on the proposal to have Interport Tennis, we take the following from the *China Press*:

An annual Far Eastern challenge tennis round, planned after the conditions controlling the Davis Cup play will be arranged for with play commencing this year, provided the invitation of the Local Lawn Tennis Association to be extended to Tientsin, Peking, Hankow and Hongkong is accepted. The proposal was made at the annual general meeting of the association held on May 4, in the Cathedral School, Shanghai, and was adopted unanimously.

A special sub-committee was appointed to work out the details of the Far Eastern Tennis tournament, and after these details are presented to the new committee and approved the invitations will be sent to the four outside ports.

The scheme of play, as far as possible will be identical to the rules controlling the Davis Cup matches. The latter regulations in fact are to be used as far as practical for the tournament. The play will be staged at one port each year with all matches to be played at the same time. The port in which the tournament is to be held will be selected by drawing. Each city will have its regular turn at entertaining the visiting teams. Expenses as far as possible will be paid by the home association from the gate receipts. Messrs. A. N. George, H. Toussaint and Secretary M. B. Brown of the Shanghai association were appointed to draft the formal proposal which will be included in the invitation.

AMERICAN PARTY FOR THE FAR EAST.

Secretaries Of Army and Navy to Come.

Arrangements are being made for the American Secretary of War, Mr. John W. Weeks, and the secretary of the Navy, Mr. Edwin Denby, to visit Japan this summer, and the two secretaries may also pay a short call upon China during the same trip. The coming is a part of an American invasion of Japan by the class of 1881 at Annapolis, the American Naval Officers School, which has been invited by the Japanese Government to hold its reunion in Japan. The official host will be Baron Admiral Uriu who is one of the distinguished alumni of Annapolis, having graduated from there in 1831, later entering the Japanese Navy and commanding the fleet in the first engagement of the Russo-Japanese war. Baron Uriu suggests that his classmates should try Japan as a gathering place, and the Japanese Government was most agreeable. The party will leave San Francisco about May 20, and will arrive in Tokyo about July 4, stopping two weeks in Honolulu. Later the party will visit the Philippines where Messrs. Denby and Weeks will inspect the coast defenses. It is hoped that there will be an opportunity for the party to make a short trip to China, possibly visiting Peking.

Secretary of War Weeks as is known was formerly a Naval officer, graduating from Annapolis in 1831. Mr. Denby, however, has been adopted by the class by virtue of the marriage of his sister to Clifford Wilkes, Annapolis '81. Senator Weller of Maryland will also accompany the party. The American Ambassador in Tokyo has expressed his satisfaction over the visit which he declares will do much to promote better understanding between the two countries. Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, will be in Japan during the summer on leave of absence and will endeavour to aid in the entertainment of the high naval officers, many of whom he knows personally. The most elaborate preparations will be made for the reception by the Japanese Government and it will be one of the finest parties ever staged in Japan. The transport will stop at Hongkong on its way to the Philippines and the party hopes to visit Canton.

Among those who will attend are, Admiral Wilson, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, General George Barnet, former commander of the U. S. Marine Corps, Captain Stoyton, President of Baltimore S.S. Co., Col. Vance, Admiral Hoegewere, Mr. W. L. Emmett, turbine expert for the General Electric Company, and Dr. Frank E. Bunts, of Cleveland who served through both the Spanish-American war and the late World War.

LORD CARSON REBUKED.

Political Speeches Ruled Out

In the House of Lords recently the Lord Chancellor laid it down firmly that no Judge has the slightest right to go on a platform in the country and make political speeches. The ruling was an immediate sequel to the speech delivered by Lord Carson at Burton-on-Trent. Owing to illness Lord Carson was unable to be present in the House for the third reading of the Irish Free State (Agreement) Bill.

Though law lords as peers had the right to express their opinions in the House of Lords, a convention of the Constitution had grown up that they should not make speeches which were purely party speeches. Lord Birkenhead recalled that he had, in view of Lord Carson's peculiar position in regard to Ulster, exempted him from that general rule, but he said had no application at all when it was extended to the case of one who was a Judge and who from a platform thought he was entitled to make bitter, if dull, taunts against individual members of the Government, and to deliver a crude partisan political attack upon the policy of the Government.

If a law lord was to get the liberty to go upon a public platform and make a party attack upon the Government was the same privilege not to be extended to the Judges of the Court of Appeal? Was the Master of

THE MOUNT EVEREST ADVENTURE.

How This Year's Expedition Will Start.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband, lecturing at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, on the Mount Everest Expedition, recalled that it was sent out to find the easiest way by which the mountain could be ascended, and the expedition undoubtedly did find, at any rate, a feasible way.

In planning this year's expedition, he said, they had been able to go full steam ahead with photographs before them, and with maps, which gave them a knowledge of what the expedition would have to do and where it would have to go. It would be composed of a climbing party of eight, two of whom would be in reserve. Two members of that party would be of the Indian Army, accustomed to dealing with Himalayan peoples, and able to look after the welfare of the coolies. General Bruce, who had a wide Himalayan experience, would not climb with the party, but would generally father the whole expedition. The expedition would start at the end of this month by far the best equipped mountain expedition ever sent out from any country, and would set out from Darjeeling at the end of March. One difficulty it would encounter would be that of breathing. If there were a frightful wind they would not attempt the ascent. They would go out early in the season so as to arrive early in June, just before the monsoon broke. The cold would not be excessive, though the heat would be great.

Till last year no European had been within 50 miles of the mountain itself, and even Tibetans did not go within 20 or 30 miles of it. This time last year, when making plans, they had no maps to go on, and did not know exactly what the mountain was like. They had very good photographs, taken from a distance of 90 to 100 miles, and showing that from the north there was a ridge which offered a promise of approach, but how the mountain could be approached close up to that ridge was not known at all. It was therefore decided that a whole season would have to be devoted to the preliminary work of exploring round the mountain and ascertaining the easiest way for a party the following year. The object of last year's expedition was not to ascend the mountain, but to prepare the way for an attempt to reach the summit by a properly organized party this year. The lecturer sketched the course taken by last year's party, and mentioned that one point the snow was so cold that their feet were attacked by frostbite, while at the same time the sun was very hot, and they were getting sunstroke in the head.

The way they discovered was a comparatively easy way. There were no irregular cliffs to cause great delay. It was about 23,000 ft. above sea level, and had a rise of 5,000 ft. in a distance of 8,000 ft., the distance to the summit of the mountains from the north being a little under two miles.

The Rolls, who was a Peer, to be at liberty to go to a by-election or on a party platform and attack on party lines the policy of the Government? Was there anything in the world, he asked, to prevent the whole body of *nisi prius* Judges distributing themselves in political hordes over the country supporting candidates and impeaching or defending the policy of the Government of the day?

If such a condition of things arose, what became of the judicial system, the pride of the world for its impartiality and for its complete withdrawal from our partisan quarrels? He made a reservation so far as the position of a peer in Parliament was concerned, but he declared explicitly that no Judge in that Court or in the Court of Appeal, and no *nisi prius* Judge had the slightest right to go on a platform in the country and make political speeches.

In spite of the conditions in Ireland the Lord Chancellor expressed himself as being optimistic. It was their information, he said, that if the material forces at the disposal of the Provisional Government were strong enough to put down intimidation at the polls, the decision of the Irish plenipotentiaries would be confirmed by a large majority of the Irish electors. The third reading was passed without a division.

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G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Victoria Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Sq. Yds.	Estimated Annual Rental.	Estimated Annual Rent.
1	Victoria Road, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st. July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years, less 3 days.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Sq. Yds.	Estimated Annual Rental.	Estimated Annual Rent.
1	Shamshui, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of four Lots of Crown Land on spur between West Bay and Repulse Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Sq. Yds.	Estimated Annual Rental.	Estimated Annual Rent.
1	West Bay, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100
2	West Bay, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100
3	West Bay, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100
4	West Bay, 100 ft. wide, 100 ft. deep.	1.00	10,000	100	100

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE MASON LAKIN having resigned his position in our office his authority to sign our name per procurator is cancelled. Dated the Tenth day of May 1922.

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The Forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong on Tuesday, 23rd. May, 1922, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th May to 6th June, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd. April, 1922.

G. R. SPECIAL CONSTABULARY NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

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Such returns should be made as soon as possible.
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Police Headquarters
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 5th to the 19th. May 1922, both days inclusive.
At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed dealing with the remuneration to the Consulting Committee.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from April 20th. to May 12th., both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 21st. April, 1922.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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Playgrounds are being kept open by the instructions of the Education Committee, in the hope of keeping children off the streets. So far, however, they are not being very well used. Headmasters are continuing, with the consent of the N.U.T., to do various clerical tasks in schools. The borough council, refuses to pay the teachers the Burnham Scale 3, and, according to present indications, will continue its refusal. Twenty-three schools and about 19,000 children are affected.

LEGATION APPOINTMENT.

Mr. E. Leichman returned to China from home leave recently and has gone to Peking as Assistant Chinese Secretary to the British Legation, taking the place of Mr. E. L. Harding who is going on a visit to Kashgar. While Mr. Harding is in Kashgar, Mr. M. Fitzmaurice, who is at present there now, will go on leave.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

Latest Appointments.

Captain W. McDonald, of the gone third officer, Foochow.
Captain K. E. Tuetten is deceased.

Mr. G. S. Johnson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Liangchow.
Captain H. A. Walker, of the Yingchow, is on reserve. Captain G. D. S. Mills, from reserve, has gone master, Yingchow.

Mr. H. Gifford, chief officer, Kiungchow, is on reserve. Mr. C. P. Miller, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kiungchow.

Mr. H. Stephen, from reserve, has gone second officer, Soochow. Mr. C. C. Lawrence, second officer, Soochow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Work, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Whangpu. Mr. C. W. Clark, second engineer, Whangpu, has gone second engineer, Hoihow.

Mr. M. G. Sinclair, third engineer, Tungchow, has gone third engineer, Szechuen.

Mr. F. M. Laird, third engineer, Szechuen, has gone third engineer, Tungchow.

Mr. W. W. Houfe, chief engineer, Ngankin, has retired. Mr. J. F. Wyllie, chief engineer, Hoihow, has gone chief engineer, Ngankin.

Mr. A. Campbell, chief engineer, Liangchow, has gone chief engineer, Changchow.

Mr. H. Dalgleish, chief engineer, Changchow, has gone chief engineer, Liangchow.

Mr. R. K. Burns, acting chief engineer, Liangchow, has gone second engineer, same ship.

Mr. R. Meldrum, second engineer, Liangchow, has gone third engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. D. Campbell, sup'y second engineer, Hoihow, has resigned. Mr. I. Robertson, second engineer, Yingchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. L. Cruickshanks, second engineer, Wenchow, has gone second engineer, Yingchow.

Mr. S. Kavanagh, chief engineer, Hoihow, has gone chief engineer, Wahu.

Mr. P. H. Todd, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. J. Ryles, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, Hoihow.

Mr. J. E. Harvey, acting chief officer, Tukwo, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. T. Hughes, from reserve, has Tean, has gone master, Soochow.

Mr. H. S. Hurley, second officer, Loksang, has gone second officer, Taksang. Mr. E. T. Whicker, from reserve, has gone second officer, Loksang.

Mr. C. Alexandre, chief officer, Mausang, has gone acting master, Loksang. Mr. M. Costello, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Mausang.

Captain A. C. Kennedy, of the Mausang, is on reserve. Captain D. W. Ritchie, of the Loksang, has gone master, Mausang.

Mr. J. W. Stoneham has been appointed second officer, Kutsang. Mr. A. H. Mackie has been appointed third officer, Kutsang.

Captain N. McLean, of the Kaho, has gone master, Kwangtah.

Captain H. A. Kornfeldt, from reserve, has gone master, Kaho.

Mr. B. Rykaltovsky, second officer, Kwangtah, is on reserve.

Mr. T. Roberts, third engineer, Haean, has gone third engineer, Feiching.

Mr. T. Robertson, second engineer, Kiangshan, has gone second engineer, Haean.

Mr. N. Hood, chief engineer, Irene, has gone chief engineer, Hein Kiangteen.—Shipping and Engineering.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

Tables to Date.

	P.	W.	L.	P.
C.R.C.	1	1	0	1
I.R.C.	1	1	0	1
N.S.R.C.	1	1	0	1
K.C.C.	1	0	1	0
H.K.C.C.	1	0	1	0
C.S.C.C.	1	0	1	0
Club de R.	0	0	0	0
M.B.K.	0	0	0	0

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	P.
C.R.C.	2	2	0	2
Police	2	1	1	1
M.B.K.	1	1	0	1
C.C.C.	2	1	1	1
United	1	1	0	1
Q.C.	1	0	1	0
I.E.C.	1	0	1	0
Club de R.	1	0	1	0
C.S.C.C.	1	0	1	0
K.C.C.	0	0	0	0



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TEA and DINNER DANSANT SATURDAY, May, 13th.

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LAWN TENNIS.

The Club Championship.

Last evening the Hongkong C.C. singles tennis championship was played. F. A. Redmond successfully challenging the holder (J. B. Penman) for the title. It was an easy victory for the former, who won by three straight sets and 18 games to 4, the set scores being 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

ATHLETE'S 400 FIRST PRIZES.
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GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE AS FOREIGN PROTEGES.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) has telegraphed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce opposing the registration of Chinese citizens as foreign proteges. The telegram states that "many Chinese on being sued take foreign nationality as a means of protection. The Shanghai Mixed Court now has taken a strong stand in this connection and refuses to recognize such Chinese

as being under foreign protection. There is some quarrelling over the question, and if the matter is not settled here in Shanghai, it will be transferred to Peking for decision by the Diplomatic Corps. The stand taken by the Mixed Court is approved by both Chinese and foreigners alike and is designed to prevent others from doing registering as foreign subjects and that justice may be properly meted out. We trust that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will telegraph to the Commissioner here asking him to take a strong and firm stand in the matter."

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th. May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th. May, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 6th. May, 1922.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 15th. May, 1922, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The Steamship

S.S. "BLOSSOM HEATH"

having arrived from New York, via ports, on Tuesday, 2nd. May, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. and stored at their risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godown where the examination will be held on the 9th. May, at 11 a.m.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Godown and cargo undelivered on or after the 9th. May, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature immediately to

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "SEIYO MARU"

From SOUTH AMERICAN
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HONOLULU, and JAPAN
PORTS.

The above-named steamer having arrived on Tuesday, the 9th. May, 1922, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on all landed cargo remaining undelivered after Tuesday, 16th. May, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Tuesday, 16th. May, 1922, at 11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, May, 9th. 1922.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 9.30 a.m. on May 13th. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson and Ash.

All claims must be presented, within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after May, 15th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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Goods not cleared by the 14th. May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined at 10 a.m. on the 14th. May. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 8th. May, 1922.

CANDIDATE POLLS TWO VOTES.
A. Gillingwells (South York-shire) candidate for council honours only polled two votes.

WARY SHANGHAI MERCHANTS.
The wary merchants of Shanghai have just decided to refuse a loan to the Provincial Treasurer of Kiangsu. The amount required was no more than \$500,000, the rate of interest offered was 8 per cent., and repayment was promised within five months. The excuse for not subscribing to the loan put forward by the merchants was that business was bad and everything in a very unsettled state. One may wonder what the Provincial Treasurer at Nanking thinks of his failure, coming immediately after the Municipal Council raised a million taels in a couple of days at 7 per cent.

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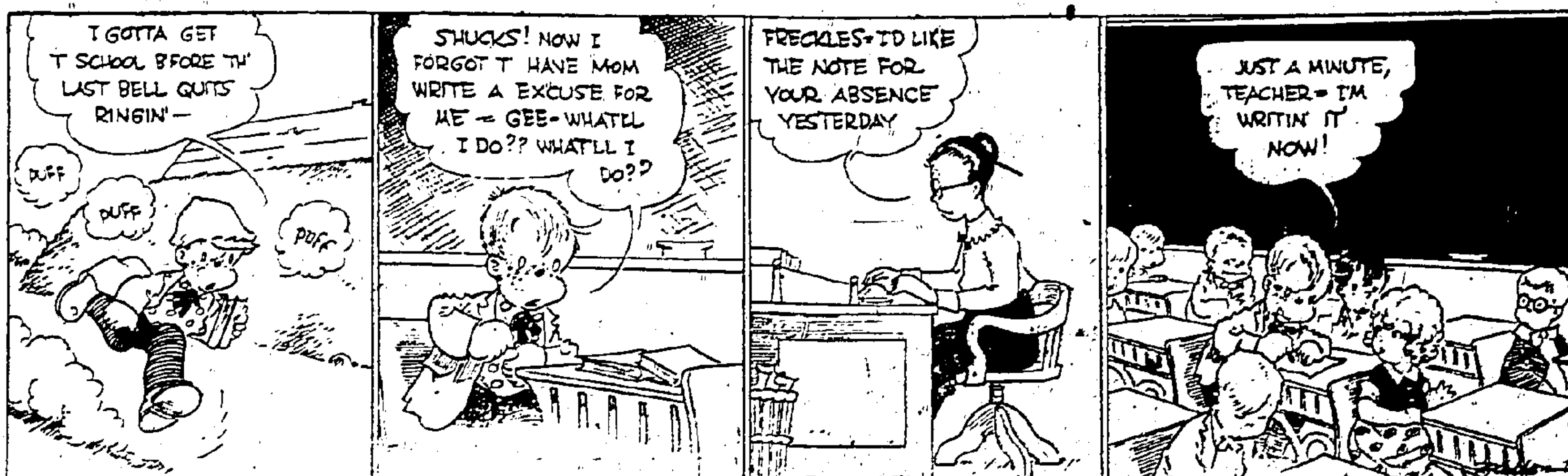
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BIRTH.

WANG.—On the 9th. May, at
No. 6, Excelsior Terrace, to Dr
and Mrs. C. C. Wang, a son.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1922.

THE GENOA SENSATION.

Rumours of disruption of the Entente Cordiale have long been rife, partly, though by no means wholly, due to journalistic imagination. On the present occasion the *Times* correspondent at Genoa declared that the climax had been reached, the British Premier being represented as having told M. Barthou: "The Entente is broken; Britain is free to seek other friendships." Hot on the trail of this report come others, emphatically and indignantly repudiating the alleged breach. Mr. Lloyd George stigmatises the rumour as "sheer wicked invention and the ravings of an insane person" (which is certainly an outspoken description of the *Times* representative at Genoa); and M. Barthou joins in the refutation.

From this we may conclude that journalistic imagination has again been at work, and that the Entente is still extant. To accept the *Times* version is directly to impute unvarnished to the British Premier and to M. Barthou, whose declarations are of a positive character. Any journal, however famous, that disseminates reports so prejudicial to harmony, especially at a critical time like the present, merits severe reprobation; and it will be interesting to see what explanation "The Thunderer" offers. It must be acknowledged that the course of events has given plenty of ground for conjecture, though this does not warrant "sheer wicked invention." The strengthening of the Anglo-Italian entente goes to suggest that British Ministers are sensible of the value of cultivating international bonds, which is not to say that there is desire to drop the older Entente. An Anglo-Italian entente is not inconsistent with cordial relations between Britain and France, but rather opens the way to a tripartite relationship.

Real, but not insuperable, points of difference have presented themselves in the post-war relations of Britain and France, as was practically inevitable. Most Britishers probably consider, and with justification, that on the whole John Bull has acted with liberality towards France. Perhaps it is not surprising if France, terribly burdened by the war, does not see things in quite the same

light. The immediate difficulty relates chiefly to Russia. Here, in dealing with an exceedingly complex problem, Mr. Lloyd George seems to have put the case as reasonably as the circumstances allow when he hinged it upon the question of whether the Soviet returns a "substantially satisfactory" reply to the Allies' memorandum. If such a reply is forthcoming, the British Premier believes that France will fall into line. In any case it is manifest that the Republic and Britain have more to gain as friends than if apart.

Canton's New Bridge.

If it be the case that the Canton Municipality is seriously taking up the question of spanning the river by means of a bridge, so as to link Honam with Canton, the fact must be regarded as another indication of the enterprise of this official body. We have often had occasion to comment on the go-ahead policies of the Canton Municipality, and if it succeeds in this big undertaking it will deserve further encomiums. As was recently explained, this is no new project. Many years ago a similar movement was on foot and about a million dollars were subscribed for the undertaking, but on account of political changes it was abandoned and the money returned to the subscribers. It would appear that the scheme has been better planned this time, and that there are hopes of putting it through, with the aid of foreign assistance. At any rate, we know that the Canton authorities are very keen on the idea, and if the necessary funds can be raised there is no reason why the proposal should not go through. The convenience such a bridge would be does not need emphasising. We shall watch with interest the progress of the scheme.

The forward spirit which animates the directorate of the Hongkong Hotel Company is evidenced in the latest report of its activities—the closing of a big deal by which the Company secures the controlling interest in a big batch of Far Eastern Hotels. Apart from the additional prestige which this development gives to one of our premier local companies, and the effect which it will have on share holdings, the outcome should be all to the benefit of those new localities in which the company will now operate. It has long been a recognised fact that the Hongkong Hotel is by far and away the best hotel in the whole Orient. Shanghai, which has been able to give us many points in other directions, has never been able to boast the splendid service and cuisine of the Hongkong Hotel's grill-room, which is well up to the standard of the best English and American hotels. Whatever the Hongkong Hotel management has done, it has done well, and we may be sure that that will also be its policy in connection with the new responsibilities that it will now shoulder. If as a result of this big deal, Shanghai, Peking and Hankow get better hotel service, the residents in and visitors to those places will surely bless the day when it was consummated.

Wu and the South. The *Manchester Guardian* says that Dr. Sun backed the wrong horse and must now readjust his diplomacy—which rather suggests that the English organ has taken note of Dr. Sun's flexible methods. From the military point of view, there was nothing culpably faulty in Dr. Sun's judgment, for few people anticipated that the Super-Tuchun of Fengtien would crumple up as he did. There is the fact, however, and it is now a question of what the Southern President will do in the altered circumstances. From the first, the Canton-Fengtien pact had the aspect of an unnatural alliance. More could be hoped for from an agreement between the South and Wu Pui-fu, as recommended by the *Times*. The question then arises, How will Wu view things? Dr. Sun maintained a hostile attitude towards Wu long before last week's fighting in the North; and now Wu holds a commanding position. In this, however, there is some ground for reassurance, for Wu and General Chen Ching-ming have been mutually well-disposed. By repercussion Wu's victory may lead to the reinstatement of Kwantung's administrator, with the approbation of the best elements in the South.

DAY BY DAY.

THE TIME YOUR WELCOME
LASTS DEPENDS ON THE WAY
YOU USE IT.

It is reported by wireless that there is wreckage in Lat. N. 5.31, Long. E. 107.38.

Hongkong has been declared an infected port under Wei-hai-wei quarantine regulations.

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are reminded that entries for the bowling competitions close on May 15th.—*Add.*

During yesterday there were 20 more cases of plague, with 12 deaths, notified in Hongkong, as well as five fatal cases of small-pox, all being Chinese.

The Macao Electric Lighting Company, Ltd., have been appointed members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, subject to confirmation at the next annual general meeting.

The further hearing of the Penang will case has been postponed for some days, as the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Rees-Davies) is slightly indisposed and, acting under medical advice, is taking a short rest.

The condition of a Chinese who was injured in an accident at Shanghai Street yesterday is said to be serious. He fell from the cockpit and sustained many fractures. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who left for London to-day by the s.s. *Plassey* were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mrs. Turner, Mr. C. E. Warren, Miss Warren, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Witchell and Mr. R. Negre.Reuter's Shanghai correspondent, in reporting the deal by which the Hongkong Hotel Company has secured large holdings in the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., says the former Company thereby acquires a controlling interest in the *China Press*.

"Sis Hopkins," a feature production in which Mabel Normand plays the leading role, is the chief attraction at the Kowloon Theatre this evening. Coronet Theatre patrons have their last opportunity this evening of seeing Harold Lloyd in his latest comedy "From Hand to Mouth," and Madge Kennedy in her clever comedy-drama "The Girl with the Jazz Heart."

As a result of a number of visits paid by one of the Sanitary Department Inspectors to the place where milk is dispensed, a number of prosecutions are impending against the proprietors for selling adulterated milk. The seriousness of some of the alleged offences has necessitated the appearance of the Crown Solicitor in one case, which will be heard at the Magistracy on Wednesday next.

With regard to the passage in our report of the Beaumont case on Monday in which the defendant is reported as saying "I saw Carroll and Young Hee, but they were all in the same boat," we are informed by Mr. Beaumont that this was a mis-statement of what he said. They were not "in the same boat." He approached them for financial assistance, but they could not see their way to help him.

The two contractors and two foremen who are charged with manslaughter as a result of allegations of carelessness in the demolition of a building at Gage Street, and which led to the fatal collapse reported at the time, were again brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser this morning when another week's remand was given. Inspector Macdonald, who prosecuted, said the Crown Solicitor would appear in the case.

Our Macao correspondent states that in returning their official call, H.E. the Governor, accompanied by Mr. Nolasco, Government interpreter, visited the General Chamber of Commerce on the 8th inst., and thanked the members for their assistance to the Government. He stated that he was leaving for Lisbon on the 20th, and that if the Chamber had any proposals for the betterment of Macao he would bring them before the Portuguese Government.

ROUND THE TOWN.

(By "Gadabout.")

For many years the genial chairman of the V.R.C. has been trying to introduce some system to put an end to outstandings at the club bar. Year after year he had brought up the same proposal, that drinks shall be served only to those who have paid in cash for them, by means of books of tickets or otherwise. And year after year the members have turned the suggestion down. However, it appears as if his unperturbed efforts to stop these non-payers supplies is to meet with success. At the annual meeting of the club, when a census of opinion on the point was taken, there was only one member present who voted against the idea, and methinks that member has a bump of humour stored away somewhere and was bringing to the fore. It is not to the club's credit that it has a number of members who are willing to stand round the bar calling and signing for drinks, their signatures apparently not worth the paper they are written on. The club can't afford to lose money on the bar account and it means that those who do pay have to pay for those who don't. It's not playing the game to the other members and this kind of thing is not going to add to the club's popularity among decent fellows. Personally, I wonder why the club doesn't post these defaulters and let the members see who they are. It's done in most other clubs in the East.

If the V.R.C. do do away with chit system they will be setting a good example to the other clubs in the colony and to business firms as well. This scheme of strolling into a bar and having a drink, or filling your cigarette case at your tobacconist, or taking your best girl out to tea at a cafe, or even subscribing towards "Church expenses" at the Cathedral, merely by a stroke of the pen (or usually pencil), is very handy, we know, and to the taxpayer with his thousand a month or more it probably does no harm, but it's no good to the young fellow on "bucks" per menssem. It encourages a youngster to spend, and half his time he has got ideas how much he's spending. When the end of the month comes and he discovers that his chits are about twice as much as his cheque he knows, but that's too late. To the majority, the chit system just prevents us saving anything, but there's many a young fellow in this part of the world gone wrong simply because it's so easy to get credit. It's a pity the chit system is not abolished altogether. It would be a bit of an inconvenience to some at first, but most of us would have bigger bank balances.

Quite a number of you, I suppose, were at Happy Valley, backing the gee-gees, last Saturday afternoon. To me the gymkhana was a bit of a disappointment. I went off with a brand new system to try and then discovered that it wouldn't work because the best-known jockeys were not riding much. With Bell-Irving away, Doyle riding very little, and Soares getting crooked, it kind of put me off my reckoning. And, by the by, I was glad to see Soares' pluck (by riding after a fall earlier in the afternoon) rewarded by getting a first in the last race. Incidentally, I was glad also because some of my hard-earned cash was on his horse. The first race I arrived too late to bet, the second I lost, the third my gee-gee made a rotten start, in the fourth my jockey fell off and they gave me my money back, and the next race was a polo scurry, and I fight shy of that kind of thing. By this time I'd made up my mind to devote gymkhana afternoons to ludo, snakes and ladders or some other such thrilling pastime. I made a mental note that I must be one of the "lucky-in-love" variety and almost went off forthwith to join the anti-gambling league. But I'm still a racing enthusiast. With my system gone but I just had to back my fancy and it turned out quite a profitable afternoon.

The *Telegraph's* cartoonist, I see, hears that our neighbours in the States are getting tired of old friend Jazz. That means, I suppose, that Hongkongites, too, will have to enjoy the delights of the light fantastic to some other strains. Jazz was weird, but it certainly put the pep in dancing and there's no doubt that Jazz was mainly responsible for the dancing craze. Still, we can

UNION CHURCH.

Proposal for Kowloon
Edifice.

Union Church, Hongkong, which has been in existence almost as long as Hongkong has been British territory, having come into being so far back as 1843, is seeking to extend its influence by the provision of a sister church on the Kowloon peninsula. It is felt that the time has come when Kowloon should possess an evangelical Protestant interdenominational church; hence the movement.

We understand that the funds necessary for carrying out the project are practically assured, (in which connection the name of Sir Paul Chater is mentioned) and that negotiations are in progress with the Government for the selection of a suitable site.

NEW "INDO" STEAMER.

"Kutsang" Here on
Maiden Trip.

There has just arrived in harbour an addition to the fleet of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, namely the s.s. *Kutsang*, which was built by Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and launched on October 19th. last. She is, with the s.s. *Hosang* (a sister ship due here next week), the biggest vessel owned by the Company and is to be placed on the Calcutta run. The new *Kutsang* (the old boat of that name having been sunk by enemy action during the war) is a very modern type of post-war vessels and is in every way a fine addition to the Company's fleet, a feature being the splendid passenger accommodation provided. In our issue of to-morrow we hope to give some further details of this new steamer.

WEATHER MAPS.

Hongkong Chamber Wants
Daily Issue.

On the question of the issue by the Hongkong Observatory of a daily Weather map, we have received from the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce a copy of a letter addressed to the Government on the subject.

The letter states that the great volume of shipping trading in these latitudes, where dangerous storms are so prevalent, demands the maximum of minute information procurable, and there is no doubt that a daily meteorological survey would be of the utmost practical value. The letter continues—

"My Committee is strongly of opinion that the community should be supplied with such a service, the expense of providing the equipment and staff for which appears to them small as compared with the benefits to be derived by Mariners."

"It is generally recognised that Observatories must be kept up-to-date and enlarged with the growth of shipping interests, and in this connection Hongkong Observatory has not adequately met the needs of the Colony, for want of funds. My Committee, therefore, urges that a sufficient supplementary grant of funds should be made to the Observatory, to enable it to issue first-class Daily weather maps and generally to extend the issue of weather guides to Mariners."

"It may be noted that, whereas the annual expenditure of the Hongkong Royal Observatory has risen from \$23,000 to \$34,000 since 1912, expenses in connection with the London Meteorological Office have increased from £20,000 to £101,000."

"My Committee will much appreciate it if the Government will take the necessary steps to provide the Observatory with equipment on the lines advocated by the Director."

trust our friends from across the pond to give us something to take its place, and who knows to what uncanny sounds we may be dancing next winter? And, by the by, I noticed the other day that even dancing is going out in England. At least, it's going out from the men's point of view; the fair sex are as keen as ever, and so great is the shortage of male partners, it is said, that these days, instead of the fellow paying for the girl, it's the girl who pays for the fellow! Hongkong's had the fever almost as badly as anywhere, but I can't see either the girls or the fellows getting fed up with it here.

ALLEGED "SWINDLE."

Local Cassia Exporters Stigmatised.

There have been allegations of swindling and dishonesty made by the American Spice Trade Association against merchants engaged in shipping cassia to the American market and the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong has seen fit to make a very unambiguous reply, suggesting, in turn, that American buyers have only themselves to blame if they have received inferior shipments.

We have received from the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, copies of letters which have passed on this subject, from which it appears that in February the American Spice Trade Association passed the following resolutions:—

"Whereas, the qualities of many lots of Cassia arriving, or which have recently arrived, in this country, are grossly inferior to contract requirements; and, whereas, allowances made upon Appeal to Arbitration in New York have been totally inadequate to cover difference in grade, together with labor necessary to bring these goods up to a standard required for their proper use.

Be it therefore, resolved that the Directors emphatically condemn the shipping of these parcels to this country as nothing more or less than a swindle, and be it further resolved that the Board of Directors will use its utmost endeavor to have the matter placed before Arbitrators, in such a manner that the loss sustained shall not be put upon the innocent buyer but upon the guilty shipper, with a view that such loss shall make it unprofitable for a shipper to send any lot that is below the quality for which the contract calls.

In sending these resolutions to Hongkong an American firm added:—"We are acquainted with one of Hongkong exporters who have shipped large quantities of inferior stuff to this port and in past years have had the same trouble with this shipper. It is our opinion that if some action could be brought to bear on such shippers to compel them to ship only honest merchandise that the market in Cassia would not be in the state it is."

The matter was referred to the local Importers and Exporters Association, and on April 13rd, the following letter of protest was sent to the American organization:—"We have before us, as we write, a copy of your circular dated 1st February 1922, which was distributed to the Members of your Association, and on which we are incumbent upon ourselves to make a few comments.

In the first place, we absolutely deny the allegation of 'swindle', and object to the use of the term as applied in your circular referred to. If there were any truth in this allegation the sea on therefore would be found in the attitude of the majority of the American buyers, who have consistently forced the price down to a point at which it is well-nigh impossible to secure absolutely prime cargo. In this Association, we have shippers who have exported large quantities of Canton Cassia absolutely and unquestionably up to the standard of 'f.a.q. of the season', but who have been penalized by arbitration—very unfairly so—particularly when the market has declined between the times of purchase and arrival of the cargo.

"We are in agreement with the opinion expressed that the fair average quality of Cassia shipped, both in Rolls and Broken, is possibly of inferior nature, and you will quite understand the reason for this when we tell you that the prices being paid to-day to Chinese dealers, are less than half the figures ruling ten to twelve years ago, although the actual cost of the merchandise in its pristine state is no cheaper—on the contrary, it is higher owing to the rise in cost of transportation, labour and packing. This simply means that the quality has been sacrificed to meet the limits obtainable in your market. Until these are raised, there is no hope of any improvement, so you must realise that any complaint that may exist can only be remedied at your end. This commodity is not one that carries anything but a very small commission for the Exporting House, and the forcing down of the price with the Chinese Dealer inevitably results in the quality suffering. There are, of course, reputable dealers who do their utmost to maintain full quality standards, but their position is rendered impossible at times by the beating

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

The Colonial Commercial Co., Ltd.

This morning, in the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Rees-Davies) granted a petition presented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ) on behalf of the Colonial Commercial Company, Ltd., for confirmation of a resolution to reduce the Company's capital from \$150,000 to \$111,000.

The Company was incorporated in 1920, explained Mr. Jenkin, and was situated in the Post Office building. The original capital was \$150,000, made up of 390 promoters' shares of \$100 each and 1,110 ordinary shares of \$100 each. The Company commenced business shortly after its incorporation. At extraordinary general meetings held in February and March, in view of the present position of the Company's finances, it was decided to reduce the capital by cancelling the promoters' shares.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said the Company was over-capitalised in that \$39,000 represented by the promoters' shares. The promoter shareholders, under the articles of association, were entitled to share the profits. The object of the petition was to do away with the promoter shares and thereby increase the proportion of profits which would accrue to the ordinary shareholders. It was a private company, of originally eight shareholders. One of them, Mr. Noble, had died and now there were seven. All the shareholders, with the exception of one, were only ordinary shareholders but held these promoter shares as well. They were all agreeable, as appeared from the resolutions passed at the two extraordinary general meetings, that their promoter shares should be cancelled and the capital consequently reduced to the extent of their holding, which was \$39,000.

Mr. Jenkin said the wiping out of the promoter shares would be to everybody's advantage. There were four creditors, three of whom were shareholders and all four had consented to this cancellation. His Lordship granted the petition and with regard to advertising the change in capital, as all the shareholders and creditors were in Hongkong, ordered that the change be advertised in one English newspaper and one Chinese.

In such cases it is sometimes customary to add the words "and reduced" after the title of the company for 14 days or a month. On Mr. Jenkin's application, the Chief Justice said this could be dispensed with in this case.

PEKING NEWS.

Chang Tso-lin Dismissed.

A Peking telegram states that the Chihli party, with the support of Wu Pei-fu, has suggested that Wong Shi-chun be appointed Premier and that Chang Tso-lin be cashiered; further, that Chao Si-kuun be appointed Inspector of the Three Eastern Provinces, and Pao Kwei-ching be Tschun of Mukden.

A Shanghai telegram states that Liang Shih-yi has arrived there.

Peking, May 9.—Mandates are expected to be issued to-night dismissing Chang Tso-lin and Chao Chieh, and referring the latter's case to Chao Ti for punishment.—*Reuter*.

Peking, May 9.—Official telegrams to-day state that Feng Yu-hsiang killed Chao Chieh, but they do not state whether during the recent clash or by execution.—*Reuter*.

Peking, May 9.—According to railway telegrams, Feng Yu-hsiang has removed his main Chihli force to Loyang.—*Reuter*.

BILLIARDS.

Palace Hotel Tourney.

In the above Handicap last night, W. G. Gerrard (—100) beat F. E. Silva (—250). The final scores were:—Gerrard, 250; Silva, 190. The highest breaks were:—Gerrard 19, 17, 15; Silva 36, 27, 26, 20, 16, 15.

On Thursday at 9 p.m. in the semi-final, C. Bond (—75) meets J. Parks (—200).

down of price referred to above—thus letting in the less reliable dealers who are prepared to meet almost any price."

CONTRACT LABOUR.

Emigrants as Stowaways.

Questions were raised between the Magistrate and Mr. Schofield, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, at the Magistrate's morning session concerning certain allegations made by a number of returned emigrants from the Dutch East Indies in regard to the conditions of their contracted employment.

Nine Chinese labourers were being charged with stowing away aboard the J.C.J.L. Tibodas, arriving here yesterday, and in his recital of the facts of the case, Mr. Schofield, who represented the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said that, according to what he had been told, seven of those men were imported labourers into the Dutch East Indies, of the type described as assisted emigrants. They were all under the impression that 360 days was the extent of labour which they were required to do under their agreements, but actually the term was much less, for he had found out that in some cases thirty days had to run and in others sixty days before the agreements could be said to terminate. Had they waited until the expiration of the full time, they could have a free passage back, instead of taking this premature trip as stowaways.

It was, however, alleged by the defendants that holidays were not reckoned in these 360 days. If a labourer became sick and took a day's leave, that day was also not included, but, on the contrary, he was called upon to do an extra day's work outside of this agreement, plus two other days without pay, as compensation for "time lost". Apparently, Mr. Schofield added, this was the nature of the grievance which induced the defendants to leave Balikpapan without consultation with their employers.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell):—Are you going to investigate this further?

Mr. Schofield:—"I haven't spoken to anybody about investigating it, but I think it is worth while to go into it further. Another statement of Mr. Schofield's was that two of the defendants were not concerned in this matter. They were voluntary or independent emigrants and became stowaways without any other reason than that of obtaining a cheap passage.

His Worship (to the two defendants in question):—"You are deliberate stowaways. You went there of your own free will. You have no contracts. Three weeks each." (To the others):—"It seems that if you had carried out the rest of your contracts, a little over a month each, you would have got your passage, but you would not do so. Seven days each."

YOUNG OFFICER'S UNTIMELY END.

Pontoon Dangers at Shanghai.

The untimely and mysterious death by drowning of the late chief officer of the s. Chusan whilst that vessel was lying at the Pootung wharf adds but another victim to that list for which the Whangpoo is gaining an unenviable notoriety. Baffling as are the circumstances surrounding the actual fatality, there is not the slightest doubt but that the verdict returned by the coroner was the only feasible one in considering fully every aspect of a case in which a promising officer's career was suddenly cut short. A brief recapitulation of the facts as far as they could be gleaned may be of interest. The deceased, Alexander Gillespie McKinnon, left the Chusan at about 7 p.m. on the evening of April 9, his intention being, as conveyed to his brother officers, to visit some friends at Shanghai. From that moment he disappeared, nothing further being seen of him until his body was observed floating in the river, opposite to the Police bulk, on the afternoon of April 19. At the inquest, several points were brought out in evidence, the most salient being:—

- (1) That the deceased officer, just previous to his leaving the vessel about 7 p.m. April 9, hailed a sampan from the river side of the Chusan.
- (2) That he went on the pontoon a minute or two later presumably to board a sampan.
- (3) That his watch had stopped at 7.17.
- (4) That he had not (according to the evidence tendered) had any trouble or dissension with the Chinese crew of the vessel

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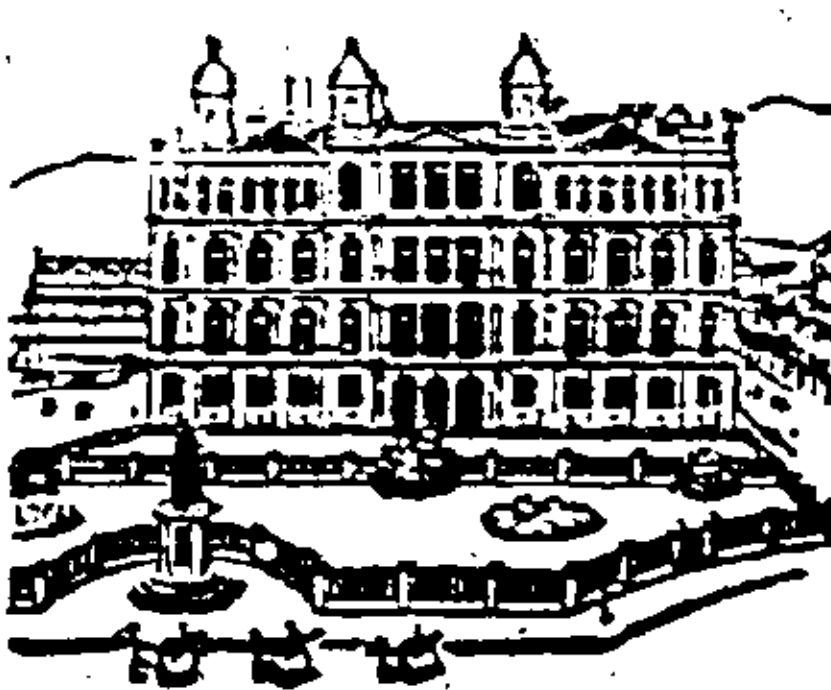
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and had not, either by action or speech, given belief of contemplation of self-destruction.

(5) That there were no marks of violence on the body when found and that his watch, silver cigarette case, money and gold ring were intact.

Bearing these points in mind there is but little doubt that the unfortunate officer met his death either in boarding or in falling from the sampan. Anyone acquainted with the disposition of the pontoons at the Watung and Pootung wharves will doubtless concur that the risk involved in boarding or leaving a sampan at this stretch of wharfage cannot be over-estimated, the risk being accentuated on a dark night with the wind at any force. The usual procedure is for the boatman to "nurse" his craft under the lee of the pontoon, the passenger either jumping from the pontoon direct into the sampan, (a drop of anything between five and seven feet) or lowering himself by means of the bow or stern ropes of a steamer, into the sampan. When one takes into consideration the "tenderness" of these sampans, it passes comprehension that the boarding method as described is not productive of more accidents than actually occur, for it is more by luck than good management that the intervals between such accidents are less frequent than they might be. An additional factor tending to make the sampan boarding method hazardous in the extreme is the entire absence of any form of illumination on practically all private pontoons. This fact was given in evidence by an inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police, who, in describing his inquiries in connection with the case, observed that the pontoons and adjacent wharfage were private property and apparently unlighted, a fact that was noted by the coroner. While it may be suggested that there is a launch service available, the intervals at which these launches run in the evening often render it necessary, through various circumstances, for anyone desirous of reaching the Shanghai side in an emergency, to have recourse to a

sampan. Another point which may be noted in connection with most private pontoons is that there is apparently no life-saving apparatus such as is available at all the public jetties. The number of passengers transported between Shanghai and the Pootung and Watung wharves daily must run into four figures, yet the ordinary life-saving apparatus available at these wharves is conspicuous by its absence. While it is not argued that the presence of lights, life-saving gear, or steps from the pontoons would have prevented the chief officer of the Chusan from losing his life, it is submitted that the need is pressing, in the interest of human life, for the installation of a lighting system at all private pontoons, also side steps by which a sampan may be boarded. This would reduce, to an appreciable degree, the risk that is at present prevalent and which was probably a contributory cause to the untimely death of a young officer.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

195,000 FIND WORK.

Big Decrease in Unemployment.

A decrease of 195,000* in the number of unemployed during 11 weeks to March 27 is shown in the latest returns.

Live registers of the Employment Exchanges at that date contained the names of 1,739,764 persons, as compared with 1,762,076 on March 20, a decrease of 22,312 in the week, or over 195,000 in the last 11 weeks.

Details of the live register (which reached its highest point on June 24, 1921) are as follow:—

Men	1,358,800
Boys	55,492
Women	285,076
Girls	40,396

Total.....1,739,764

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THIS SATIN COSTUME HAS VANDYKE POINTS ON THE TUNIC—POINTS DECORATE THE CAP TOO

LIKE all other features of costume this season bathing suits are ultra feminine; dainty and pretty and full of charm. Even the boyish tunic-and-trunk suits of wool jersey are embroidered or trimmed with fringe to take away the severe, boyish suggestion that was fancied last season; and the silk and satin bathing dresses are scalloped, smocked, embroidered and even beaded.

BATH WRAPS NOW INDISPENSABLE.

If you want to be really smart on the bathing beach you must have a bath wrap. No swimming costume is really complete without its harmonizing wrap now. The fascinating wrap is worn from bath house to water's edge; and one dons it immediately when one emerges from the waves. It protects arms and shoulders from sunburn if you sit on the sand after the bath—one excellent point in its favour. But its chief reason for being is becomingness—and good style.

One of the newest bath wraps is pictured. Frock, cape, hat and shoes are made of shell pink silk and little roses made of folds of the silk twisted round and round trim the frock, cape and hat; defining a girdle on the frock and a yoke on the cape, and making a becoming trimming at one side of the rakish little corded silk headgear.

The frock has a long blouse and the new petal skirt, cut out in vandyke points. It is short enough to show pantaloons or knee-breeches of the silk with a fancy rose at the outer side of each knee-band. The cape is an ample affair with a soft-frill collar standing up above the yoke of roses. Pink silk stockings and the satin boots laced up with ribbon complete this alluring costume. Another bathing costume made in much the same way is of black satin with roses of gold coloured silk, and the cape is lined with gold coloured satin.

BLACK BATHING FROCKS ALWAYS SATISFACTORY.

Two very charming little black bathing dresses are pictured, both new models and both showing the petal trimming idea—a feature of the new costumes. One of the frocks is of black taffeta; a rather full one-piece slip run with an elastic at the waistline which gives the skirt a graceful flare over the pantaloons. These pantaloons are cut out below the knee in vandyke points or "petals" and the petals are smocked with fine silver thread and bound with narrow silver braid. The trimming is repeated at the top of the frock which is straight across and slashed out in petals. Two of these petals at either side are caught to those at the back forming an open shoulder; and a petal drops under each arm, supported by a strap. The cap has a petal trim of white taffeta

and a silk tassel droops at one side, toward the back. The other black frock is equally pretty. Both of these little dresses are modest and pleasing and will appeal to the woman who does not care for the more clinging type of tunic-and-trunk swimming costume. The black satin frock has the bateau neckline and a soft, graceful sleeve extension cut in one with the tunic. This tunic is a one-piece slip cut out in deep petals at the edge. The petals are piped and corded which makes them stand out gracefully, and every other petal is embroidered with white beads—a very charming trimming. Under the petal skirt are full knickers of black satin, gathered at the knee with an elastic. A soft sash of satin, knotting at one side, is part of the daintiness of this bathing suit; and you see the petal idea is carried out in the saucy cap which is made of cerise taffeta.

The wearers of both these black bathing dresses have on the new strap-slippers; a single tongue-strap running up the instep, and criss-cross straps buttoning to the sides of the slipper.

VELVET SUITS.

Why not a velvet bathing suit?—says fashion. The velvet suits do seem to come out of the briny deep unscathed and they look particularly rich and sumptuous on the beach. A model is pictured and you cannot but admit its attractiveness. The simple tunic with a little sleeve and bateau neckline is belted across the back and is short enough to reveal neat knickers of black taffeta, tied at the knee with bows of the velvet—black velvet with satin stripes in white. The beach cape, of a novelty French fabric, is yellow, and the swimming cap, helmet-style, is of clipped rubber—yellow also.

Real swimming suits in the free and comfortable tunic-and-trunk style are the other two models pictured; but brought up to date you see by feminine sort of trimming added to the boyish lines. The trimming takes away none of the freedom and comfort but makes the little costumes alluringly feminine. One suit is of dark blue wool jersey with soutache embroidery almost covering the under part. A skirt and bib section buttons up over this one-piece garment, and the suit fastens at the shoulder. The white cap is trimmed with dark blue fringe.

The other model is of black silk in a grenadine-like weave, with woven border and deep fringe. It goes on like a little chemise over a one-piece garment made of soft, thick white satin; and despite its simplicity is a rather daring little suit withal. A kerchief of emerald green silk sets off its black and whiteness in dashing effect,

ODDS & ENDS.

Jet combs, bracelets and necklaces are the choice of the discriminating for wear with the all white frock.

Lace and gauze spangled fans are quite the most correct and lovely accessory of the bouffant frock of the debutante. They are rivaling feather fans, which are effective only with long lined gowns.

More trimming than ever is being used on evening gowns. Very gorgeous effects are suggested by silks and crystal bead embroidery.

One notices that smart women have set a fashion of having a certain becoming gown copied in several different colours for their summer wardrobes.

Cire ribbon is being used much for washes and for trimming of the new frocks.

A fad of the moment is the making of wide girdles with wool or silk cross-stitch designs. They are designed particularly for linen gowns and are very attractive.

The boat line or bateau neck, which is almost round, remains very popular, but the newer Greek line is seen more often on the formal gowns. The Greek line is quite straight from shoulder to shoulder.

For summer gowns Paris is breaking its spell of black. There is almost always a touch of colour, perhaps red heels on slim satin slippers, a sea green facing for sleeves and girdle or a Chinese blue facing for an uneven hem line.

Two colours are used for the major part of the summer sport clothes. A skirt of white will be combined with a cape of bright orange and a blouse of the same tone.

NOVELTIES IN NECKLETS.

A string of beads is the inevitable finish to every woman's toilette this season. Ivory, amber, jade and crystal beads of every shape and size hang to the waistline and vary according to the colour of milady's gown.

As a change from the bead necklace, the woman who is the lucky possessor of a carved jade or ivory trinket has now an opportunity of wearing her treasure and being at the same time very much in the mode.

For the delicate shades of coral, however, dove grey, silver, and the coral tints of pink will be found the most artistic. Amber looks best with golden and red-brown tints.

The woman who has only a few large jade, amber or ivory beads can string them together on a silken cord and hang a tassel from the centre, so that there are an equal number of beads on either side. A single big bead may form a pendant in itself, both ends of the cord or ribbon necklet being passed through the holes and secured to a flowing tassel. As an additional ornament, the silk of the tassel might be enriched with some strands of gold or silver thread.

Big carved wooden beads are also popular at present, and could with advantage be utilised in this manner. Oxidised silver cord, green or brown, are suggestions for the supporting string.

Jet, which for many years has been out of favour, has now a revived vogue. And many who still have put by the handsome cut-jet beads and tassels once worn by their grandmothers will realise the striking possibilities of white moire ribbon with edging of black in combination with the jet.

A recent fashion allows a tiny gold mascot, or even a little bunch of them, to dangle waist-low from a ribbon.

Gold and silver chains are out of date, and every neck ornament must hang from a string of beads, cord or ribbon, while, excepting for pearl necklaces, the waist, or below it, is the correct level.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

Deep-Dish Apple Pie With Raisins.

Rub a deep baking dish well with melted butter. Now place a layer of thinly sliced apples, then a layer of seeded raisins, sprinkling both layers with brown sugar, cinnamon and chopped nuts. Repeat, until the dish is full, and then place a crust of pastry over the top. Bake in a slow oven for forty-five minutes. To serve, run a knife about the edge of the pie, and cover with a large plate, invert the pie, cut in wedge slices and serve with a cream sauce.

WHEN COLOUR RETURNS.

There is no doubt that colour is becoming a factor that is having an enormous influence upon clothes which, designed to-day, are destined to be worn to-morrow. Already the Parisian dressmakers are weary of all-black, and one hears that a novelty vogue for the coming season will be the introduction of an individual colour which will mark all the clothes sent out by the various French houses of note. Many have announced their intention of bringing out a new shade every month and giving it prominence in everything they make.

Another aspect of the new colour craze is that girdles for every kind of costume are showing a more subdued effect. Instead of boldly contrasting colours being used for this purpose, the newest girdles invariably harmonise with the clothes and silks that they adorn.

For instance, a dress of chestnut-coloured crepe is held at the waist with a girdle of bronze beads, the newest variety being small wooden beads covered with bronze paint, and held together with little links of bronze steel. A lovely turquoise blue and green shot tissue dress for dinner was girdled with a belt composed of the new "butterfly wing" jewels that show a butterfly's wing mounted under crystal, producing a bold opalescent effect.

Even street suits show a fancy for self-coloured trimmings of this sort. One finds brown gabardine coats and skirts that have the deep basques of the coats and the deep gauntlet cuffs on the sleeves worked in a bold key-pattern design carried out in bronze beads.

NEW BATHING SUITS.

Pockets Now in Vogue.

Thousands of handkerchiefs must have been lost in the days before bathing suits had pockets, or those pocketless bathers must have got along somehow without handkerchiefs. How uncomfortable they must have been, coming up out of the water with dripping faces—and no way of wiping the brine out of their eyes! For even a wet handkerchief is better than none at all. Now, however, the handkerchief can be tucked

into a convenient pocket and the pocket is attached to the bathing-suit in various places. It may be in the skirt of the tunic or attached to the leg of the bloomer and the pocket usually has a buttoned flap so that the handkerchief cannot slip out. A new bathing suit for this year is of knitted jersey material and the tunic has three gay little ruffles of taffeta silk. Above the ruffles at the front of the skirt are set two jaunty little taffeta pockets with buttoned flaps. The skirt is just short enough to show the edges of knitted worsted bathing trunks and the trunks are short enough to reveal the turn of the knee.

DAINTY EVENING GOWN.



Gown of rose satin with overskirt of rose lace loosely woven. The hem of the underskirt is cut in scallops. There is a silver girdle with silver fringe.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

SEATTLE-HAWAII LINE
Beginning the first permanent passenger service between the Hawaiian Islands and Seattle, the liner Lurline of the Matson Navigation Company recently steamed out of Elliott Bay for Honolulu.

CMS. KIANGTUNG DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Hankow, May 1.—The China Merchants' steamer Kiangtung was completely burnt out yesterday about nine miles from Wuchang. The cause of the fire is not known. It is believed that several Chinese were drowned.

COLLISION ON THE YANGTZE.

The Central China Post learns that the C. N. str. Siantan was in collision with the Socony vessel Meifu recently, about 50 miles up river in the neighbourhood of Sinti. The former steamer was considerably damaged, and has been brought to Shanghai for repairs.

AIR RACE TO LINER.

Two women who had booked passages by the Aquitania, which sailed from Southampton for the United States, missed the train at Waterloo Station in the morning. They hurried to Croydon and engaged an aeroplane. In this they were taken to Eastleigh, where a motor-car was awaiting them. They went on board the vessel, with all their luggage, only a few minutes before she sailed.

FLEET RESERVE CUT.

Drastic economies are being put into operation shortly by the Admiralty as the result of re-organisation of the Reserve Fleet in home naval ports. Commands of one vice-admiral and three rear-admirals will be abolished, and considerable saving consequently effected. Instead of the fleet as a whole being under a vice-admiral with rear-admirals in command of each division at Portsmouth, The Nore, Devonport, and Rosyth, it is in future to be under control of a rear-admiral with a flagship at Portsmouth; and the three divisions at Portsmouth, Devonport, and The Nore will be under senior captains. The Rosyth division is to be withdrawn entirely.

SHIPBUILDING DANGER.

Happily a settlement of the shipping strike at Home has been reached, which will presumably avert the risk mentioned in the following message: Unless the shipyard dispute is settled the Cunard Company, it is stated, will send the Laconia, now being built by Swan, Hunter's, of Wallsend, to the Continent to be completed.

The same course will probably be taken in the case of the Andania, now building at Hawthorne, Leslie's, of Hebburn, and the Ansonia, at present building at Armstrong Whitworth's. The loss in wages would be serious.

FASTEST VOYAGE SINCE THE WAR.

A cablegram from New York reports that the Cunard liner Mauretania reached there having completed the run from Southampton in 5 days 12 hours 17 minutes. She took the longer southern route of 3,161 miles owing to the presence of ice in the Northern Atlantic, and the run averaged 23.93 knots per hour, the fastest voyage of any liner since the war. The final 483 miles was completed at the mean speed of 23.31 knots. This was the vessel's first voyage after being converted into an oil fuel burner and greater speeds are anticipated in the future. The Mauretania holds the Atlantic speed record of 26.06 knots per hour made about fourteen years ago.

LARGEST LIFEBOAT.

The Royal National Life-Boat Institution has now completed the plans of the largest motor life-boat in the world. She will be 60-ft. long with 15-ft. beam, a draft of 4-ft. 6-in. and a displacement of about 40 tons. She will be fitted with twin screws, driven by two 75-h.p. motors which have been specially designed by the Institution for its motor life-boat service. In addition, she will have an auxiliary rig of one mast, carrying a small triangular fore-lug and jib. She will have a speed of about 9 to 10 knots and radius of action of 100 miles. The new craft is a non-self-righting life-boat and is practically unsinkable. She will be built almost entirely of a double thickness of teak, with light mild-steel bulkheads. In addition to her much greater size, speed and range, this new life-boat will have several other novel features. She will be the first British motor life-boat to have cabin accommodation. There will be two cabins, one fore and one aft, to hold fifty passengers, while the total number able to be taken on board will be over 150.

THE "AMERICAN" LANGUAGE.

Factors in Its Evolution.

Long ago it was foreseen that the language spoken by the American people would diverge widely from that spoken in England. "The new circumstances under which we are placed," wrote Thomas Jefferson in 1813, "call for new words, new phrases, and for the transfer of old words to new objects. An American dialect will therefore be formed." And nearly a quarter of a century before this another famous American—Noah Webster, who was the "great Lexicographer" of his Continent—ventured upon a prophecy even more bold and specific. In his "Dissertations on the English Language," Printed in 1789, and dedicated to Benjamin Franklin, that master of home-spun speech, he formulated the following declaration of linguistic independence: "Numerous local causes, such as a new country, new associations of people, new combinations of ideas in arts and sciences, and some intercourse with tribes wholly unknown in Europe, will introduce new words into the American tongue. These causes will produce, in a course of time, a language in North America as different from the future language of England as the modern Dutch, Danish and Swedish are from the German or from one another." These authorities, particularly Webster, did not make anything like a sufficient allowance for the various factors that were to put the brake on the process of divergence through a twofold change—twofold because English also is a living language with its own principles of growth. They did fully take into account the stabilising influence of the books that are the common property of both peoples—the Bible which dominates the speech of either from the cradle to the tomb and, next in consequence, the works of the undying dramatist who are still so widely read on both sides of the Atlantic that there is even now much truth in the saying that English and Americans alike are "the subjects of King Shakespeare." One of the factors in question could not, of course, be foreseen by Webster and Jefferson. They never dreamed of that vast improvement in transoceanic communications which has brought New York relatively nearer to London to-day than it was to Boston or even Philadelphia, when Jefferson was President, and has brought about a steady exchange of ideas, opinions, and the gossip which hears slang words and phrases in its petulant current. Then English authority, even when its influence is unconfessed, counts for a good deal. And, strange to say, the American politician, though indulging in twisting the Lion's tail or "defying the nations of Europe at a clam-buck (like the statesman in George Ade's "Fables in Slang") will use the Johnsonian diction with the highly-charged and heavy-shotted periods (to use Matthew Arnold's phrase) which was spoken in our political orations and written in our leading articles fifty or sixty years ago.

None the less, Americans have now an exuberant vernacular, which is more than a new dialect, if not yet a separate language. They have always coined new words and similitudes much faster and with more audacity than we do, and the result is that we really need a guide to their speech and grammar, such Mr. E. L. Mencken, who has just published a revised edition of his famous treatise—a much more entertaining work than any lexicon that was ever compiled, not excepting Dr. Johnson's. Mr. Mencken's point of view closely resembles that of Mr. Dooley, who once said: "When we Americans are through with the English language, it will look as if it had been run over by a musical comedy." The vernacular of his compatriots, he thinks, is full of what Bret Harte called the "savage-outs of Saxon." When a new problem turns up for the word-smith, he believes that the Americans show superior imaginativeness and resourcefulness; for example, movie is better than cinema, and its a gladder and a wiser thing to call the tender in front of a steam-engine a cowcatcher than a plough. "The American language," he insists, offers a far greater variety of synonyms than ours; to take a case in point, Transatlantic equivalents for drunk are puffed, puffed, awry-eyed, tanked, muddled, stewed, ossified, slopped, fiddled, edged, loaded, lit-up, stizzled, jugged, souped, jiggered,

THE CHINA LOAN INVESTIGATION.

Is Mr. Tung Kang Weakening?

Judicials of the various courts in Peking are much indignant over the action of Mr. Tung Kang in ordering the return of the books of the Yu Tang Bank and have asked him to make a satisfactory explanation of the following questions: (1) Has the Minister of Justice the right of ordering the suspension of a case when it is under examination? (2) Is it right that the police should have the right of interference with judicial cases.

A PROMISE TO PRESIDENT.

The return of the books of the Yung Ta Bank which were to have been used in connection with the Loan scandal at the Ministry of Finance was obtained under circumstances which the judicial officials say showed a complete disregard for the independence of the courts. On the morning of the 10th ult. two armed policemen arrived in a motor-car at the court of the Procurator-General and demanded that the books taken from the Yung Ta bank on the 7th ult. be handed to them. While the officials had not yet recovered from their surprise, Procurator Kao and his two assistants arrived, their countenances showing signs of deep disappointment. They told their staff how they secured the books from the bank on the 7th, what had happened during the three days, and how they were ordered to return them to the bank by the Minister of Justice who said that he had promised to do this to the President and that he could not fall back upon his promise. After this, a representative of the Banking Association, and a member of the Yung Ta Bank followed the police to the court and insisted upon the return of the books. Seeing that they could do nothing to withhold them, as they all declared that the Minister of Justice had ordered their return, the two assistant procurators handed them to the clerk of the bank.

LAW OFFICERS EXCITED.

When the news of this extraordinary action reached the officials of the other courts great indignation arose. A meeting was held on the 15th ult. at the Law Society at which it was decided that Mr. Tung Kang should be asked to explain this illegal procedure. A protest embodying the two questions mentioned above was sent to Mr. Tung immediately after the meeting. What replies Mr. Tung Kang is going to make is awaited with much interest in Chinese circles where the opinion is expressed that he has made a great blunder.

—N.C. Standard.

corned, jagged, and bunned. Farmer and Henley place only corned and jagged among English synonyms, and I think tanked, loaded, and one or two others have come to us through American humorists on and off the stage. Even in the matter of new drinks, surely an inspiring theme, we are inferior at finding picturesque names—thus we call a mixture of whiskey and soda a whiskey-and-soda, whereas in America it has the poetical name of high-ball. It is some consolation to know that, though Americans may invent such pleasant appellations for cunning comminglings of "hard" ingredients, a golden-slipper, whiskey, daisy, blue-blazer, and white-plush (to give four names as yet unknown here), they will have to come to England to get a chance of drinking them! Often what seems an American neologism turns out to be the revival of an old English word or meaning (e.g., mad in the sense of angry), or a simple employment of that franchise of our language which many great authors have taken advantage of (e.g., the use of the verb as a verb which is found in "Clarissa Harlowe" where we are told "Mabel tipped it to her door"). And we English may welcome, indeed we have welcomed, many of the terms which are translations of Indian words (war-path, pale-face, fire-water, &c.) And I, for one, have a liking for the metaphorical phrases, familiar to readers of Bret Harte and Mark Twain, which recall memories of spacious days in the wild and wonderful West—E. B. Osborne.

INCOME TAX AT 15 YEARS OF AGE.

A carpenter's improver, aged 15, appeared before the Newington London justices for the non-payment of 35s. income tax. He denied liability, and the matter was referred to the inspector.

JAPANESE LABOUR STATISTICS.

Strikes in 1921.

According to the latest statistical report of the Japanese Ministry of Home Affairs on the labour movement in 1921, 896 conflicts took place involving 170,889 workmen. Among the conflicts 245 strikes were registered with a total number of 58,225 participants. Professional strikes can be registered as follows: coalminers, 15 strikes involving 3,578 persons; weavers, 29 strikes involving 3,323 persons; cotton-mill workers, 21 strikes involving 2,481 participants; shipyard workers, 30 strikes involving 4,511 persons; brick-workers, 11 strikes involving 803 persons; chemical industry workers, 49 strikes involving 7,971 persons; carpenters, 13 strikes involving 987 persons; unqualified workers, 27 strikes involving 2,120 persons; salt industry workers, 7 strikes involving 1,047 persons; sailors, 10 strikes involving 840 persons; and 34 other strikes with 1,577 participants.

STRIKE CAUSES.

Nineteen strikes with 12,299 participants were caused by demands for higher wages, 38 cases with 3,323 participants caused by protest against reduction of wages, 68 cases with 38,440 participants caused by demand for better treatment, 15 cases with 794 participants caused by dissatisfaction with supervisors, and 28 cases with 3,356 participants were due to other causes.

Strikes to the number of 140, involving 24,522 men, resulted in a mutual understanding being reached; 122 strikes involving 3,166 men satisfied their demands; 44 strikes, involving 10,180 men, resulted in withdrawing their demands; 37 strikes involving 10,152 men resulted in refusal of the administrations to grant the demands; while two cases, involving 255 workmen, remained unsettled.

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The northern depression is moving eastward. The Indo-China depression is now central near Tourane. The depression over the Eastern Sea has filled up. The depression to the east of Luzon is filling up or moving northward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.20 inch. Total since January 1st, 15.53 inches, against an average of 14.31 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.
1 Hongkong to N.E. winds, Gap Rock moderate.

2 Formosa Channel S. or variable

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamook. moderate; some rain.

4 South coast of E. winds, China between moderate. H.K. & Hainan.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, May 10, 1922.

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